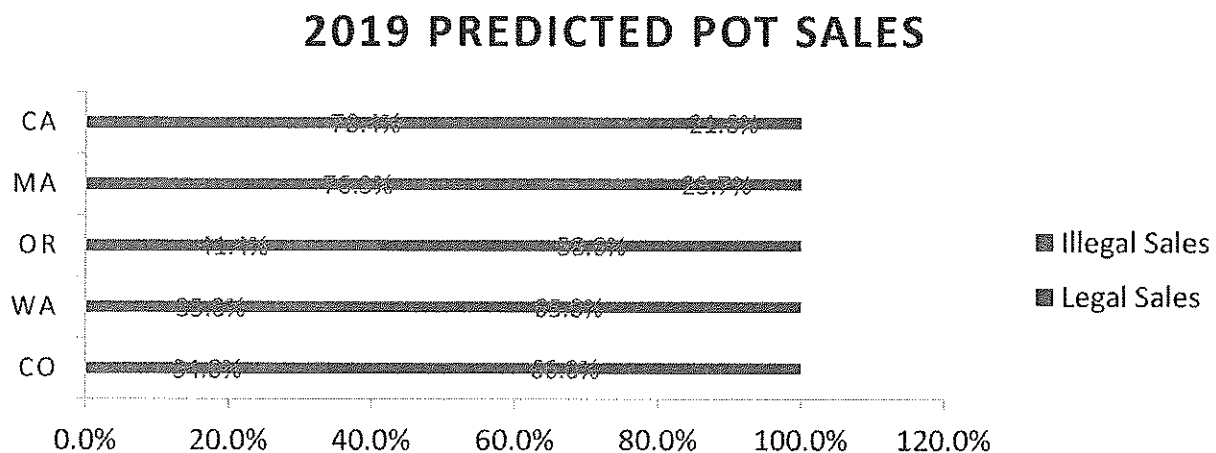


To the Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am respectfully submitting this testimony regarding SB 1085 for the March 22nd hearing.

Do you believe that black market sales end when a state legalizes the sale of retail marijuana? That's dead wrong. Read the *BOSTON GLOBE* study of the marijuana black market published last month.

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/news/marijuana/2019/02/02/illicit-pot-market-remains-stubbornly-robust/Fqq5baxLvgrTB1ABJRbEL/story.html>



The Boston Globe article explained that in 2019, more than 75 percent of Massachusetts' pot sales are predicted to be illegal. Heavy black market sales continue in all states that legalize, but overall use of marijuana increases.

The U.S. Attorney for Colorado, Bob Troyer, said in a 9/28/2018 Denver Post op ed piece: "Colorado's black market has actually exploded after commercialization: we have become a source-state, a theater of operation for sophisticated international drug trafficking and money laundering organizations from Cuba, China, Mexico, and elsewhere."

Sincerely,
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